

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending in the application. Claims 1-22 are rejected. Claim 16 is objected to. Claims 1 and 15 have been amended. Claims 16-22 have been cancelled.

Claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The claims have been amended and are now believed to be allowable under 35 USC 112.

Claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hughes and Giles. Claims 1 and 15 include ... a dummy match row unit ... configured to match layout parasitics of match lines of the memory cells The references of record do not show, teach, or suggest the above limitations of claims 1 and 15. Claims 2-14 depend from claim 1. Therefore, claims 1-15 are believed to be allowable over the references of record.

It is believed that the above remarks and amendments are fully responsive to the Official Action. Reconsideration and allowance are therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

/Alan Stewart/
Alan Stewart
Registration No. 35,373

Texas Instruments, Incorporated
P. O. Box 655474 - M/S 3999
Patent Department
Dallas, Texas 75265